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Evonik Degussa GmbH)	
Opposer,)	
)	Opposition No. 91/199,752
v.)	
)	Re: Application Ser. No. 85/096,047
Afgritech Ltd.)	
Applicant.)	

APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

COMES NOW Applicant, Afgritech Ltd. (hereinafter "Applicant") and answering the Notice of Opposition herein, admits, denies and alleges as follows:

As to the first two unnumbered paragraphs, Applicant denies that Opposer would be damaged by the registration of the mark AMINOGREEN as set forth in Application Serial No. 85/096,047 and requests that the opposition be dismissed.

Here follows Applicant's answers to the grounds of opposition as set forth in the numbered paragraphs in the Notice of Opposition:

1. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition and therefore denies the same, leaving Opposer to its proofs.

2. Applicant admits that application serial no. 79/083,600 for the mark AMINORED has been filed identifying Opposer as the applicant thereof and that the 79/083,600 application lists goods and services in International Classes 1, 9, 31, 41 and 42, but Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning whether Opposer is currently the owner thereof as set forth in paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition, leaving Opposer to its proofs, and denies the allegations as to the identification of

services set forth in Class 41 in paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition.

3. Applicant admits the allegations of paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition.

4. Applicant is without information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition, and therefore denies the same, leaving Opposer to its proofs.

5. Applicant denies the allegations of paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition.

6. Applicant admits the allegations of paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition.

7. Applicant denies the allegations of paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition.

8. Applicant denies the allegations of paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.

9. Applicant admits that the goods associated with its AMINOGREEN mark are highly similar to the goods set forth in International Class 31 of Opposer's application serial no. 79/083,600 but otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.

10. Applicant admits that it has proposed the AMINOGREEN mark to identify its products as set forth in application serial no. 85/096,047 and that both the Applicant's AMINOGREEN mark and the Opposer's proposed AMINORED mark as applied to the goods in International Class 31 set forth in application ser. no. 79/083,600 are associated with animal food products, but Applicant otherwise denies the allegations of paragraph 10 of the Notice of Opposition.

11. Applicant denies the allegations of paragraph 11 of the Notice of Opposition.

12. Applicant denies the allegations of paragraph 12 of the Notice of Opposition.

13. Applicant is without information sufficient to form a belief as to whether the attachments to the Notice of Opposition show current title and status of application ser. No. 79/083,600 and therefore denies the same, leaving Opposer to its proofs.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

14. The Notice of Opposition fails to state a claim for which relief may be granted.

15. Applicant is the owner of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3,905,808 for the mark AMINOMAX, and by virtue of Applicant's prior use and registration thereof, as well as other third party uses and registrations, Opposer is not entitled to claim likelihood of confusion based on a scope of rights in its pending application extending to all marks with the descriptive "amino" prefix for the goods for which applicant has sought registration under its current pending application for AMINOGREEN.

16. Contemporaneously herewith, Applicant is filing a Notice of Opposition to oppose the asserted Application Ser. No. 79/083,600, and Applicant respectfully requests consolidation of that proceeding with the above-captioned proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that the Opposition be dismissed and that Applicant's mark be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer to Notice of Opposition was mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to Scott D. Woldow, Attorney for Opposer, 1130 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1130, Washington, DC 20036 this 20th day of June 2011.

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